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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition for treating sudden deafness containing, as an active ingredient, isoflavone aglycone having a superoxide scavenging activity of 12000 units/g.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The pharmaceutical composition for treating sudden deafness according to Claim [[2]] 1, characterized in that a composition of the isoflavone aglycone concentrate contains at least 70 wt% daidzein.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (new): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein said isoflavone aglycone is at least 30 wt%.